

# Major Leagues in Joint Meeting Make Drastic Move in Draft Issue and Hand Jolt to Johnson

## June 15 Is Set as Deadline For Player Sale or Trading

Major League Players Sent to Minors Must Be Subject to Draft; Baseball Commissioner in the Future Will Issue Call for Joint Meeting

By John Kieran

The mad maelstrom of the winter baseball meeting in this fair city is at hand and with the closing of the joint major league conference held at the Commodore yesterday afternoon. The tumult and the shouting has died, the magnates and the innocent bystanders are departing their devious ways, and not a single trade of real import to the boys in the bleachers has been brought to the light of day.

There were two apparently harmless resolutions adopted at the joint meeting yesterday under the guiding hand of Judge Keneaw Mountain Landis that contained in simple phrasing and gentle words the concentrated essence of dynamite and trinitrotoluol, familiarly known to the artillery trade as "T.N.T." First and foremost, the resolution "touching on an appertaining" to a single angle of the famous draft question. The magnates in joint meeting assembled, sound of mind and under no duress, went on record as agreeing that no major league player hereafter will be sent from the big time to do service in any league unless that league agrees that the said player shall be liable to drafting by the majors at a later date, regardless of whatever draft agreement the said league may have on the draft question. This means, in brief, that unless the International League, the American Association, the Coast League, the Western and Three-Eye leagues switch their stand on their absolute refusal to permit a draft of any kind to be made in their organizations they will not get a single major league player sent to their circuits from this time until some compromise is adopted. This is a way to the knife and fork indeed, for the Class A leagues are earning a great part of their daily financial ration through the labors of former big league players who are the big drawing cards at many of their cities. This is to serve notice that unless these "second league" come in out of the wet and accept the decree of the majors on this point the supply of major league talent for their circuits is at an end.

Landis Scores K. O.

The other high-tension resolution that went smoothly through the process of adoption was a rule to the effect that "any club or clubs that respond to the Commissioner's call for a joint meeting shall constitute a quorum for that meeting." This is a one-round, one-punch knock-out for Judge Landis, who has been the target of the American League, who recently tried to upset the baseball apple cart by calling the American League meeting for Chicago in order to prevent the attendance of his magnates at the Landis meeting here. The capstone to the Landis campaign was the head of the American League discovered that not a single magnate of his own league was likely to attend the Chicago convention and thus lost the position of the former Federal Judge more firmly than ever before. The capstone to the Landis campaign was the head of the American League discovered that not a single magnate of his own league was likely to attend the Chicago convention and thus lost the position of the former Federal Judge more firmly than ever before.

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The loss of eight veterans this year will be keenly felt. However, much promising material is available. For the position of center, Deaver, Hulman, Blair, Lincoln and Luman will be back; tackles, Diller, Jones, Quessle and Miller; the guard position will have only one veteran, Pillsbury, though it is thought that Lufkin may ably fill the center position. The backfield will have a strong aggregation to line up. At center Landis, Lovejoy and Morris will be available.

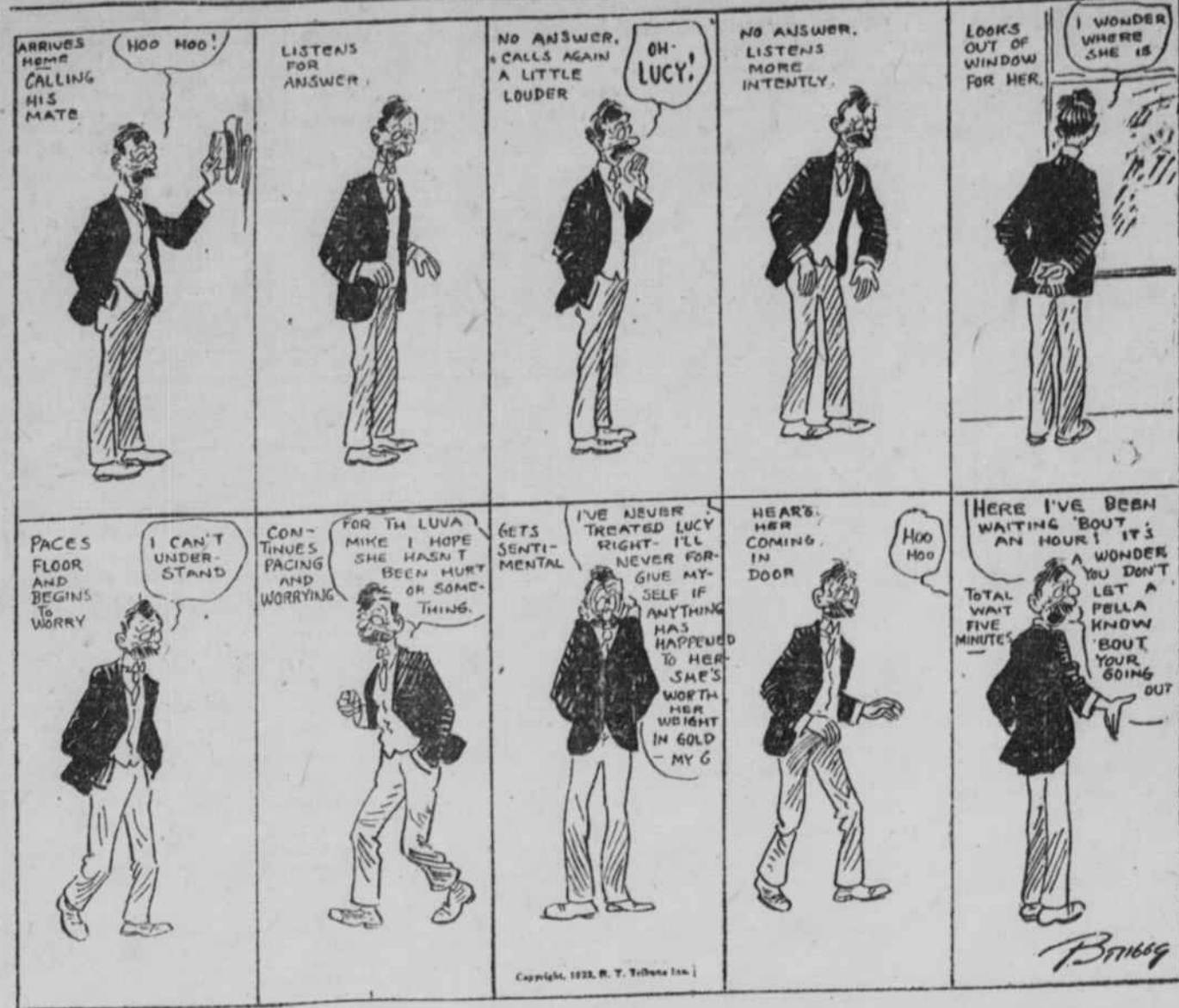
Far more important than this was the action taken with regard to changing the dates for the reduction of playing strength to the twenty-five player limit, and pushing forward the final hour after which all transfers of players from one team to another except by waiver route are definitely barred. June 15 is now the date on which all teams must cut down to the limit of twenty-five players. This gives the majors a month's leeway over former seasons, when the festive occasion fell on May 15. This will permit managers to give the rookies a more extended try-out on the big time stage.

This same date, June 15, has also been chosen in lieu of August 1 as the time limit within which all sales, trades and purchases must be made from one team to another without the aid of major leagues. This would prohibit such deals as those by which Hughie McQuillan came to the Giants and Joe Dugan to the Yankees in late July. All this is in line with the attempt by Judge Landis and other good men and true to make the pennant races as even as possible and to prevent some rich pennant contender from buying stars from clubs out of the race and thus holding an advantage over other pennant contenders not so well situated financially. This resolution will be ratified by acclamation in the chambers of commerce of Western cities.

No Player Limit Increase

A motion to increase the player limit from thirty, as at present, to fifty met with defeat by the deciding ballot cast by Commissioner Landis after a no-score tie, in which the American League voted in favor of the increase and the National League against it.

## Movie of a Man Arriving Home Early (for Once) : : : : By H. IGGS



## Baseball Writers Move to Ignore Ty's Johnson Hit

At the meeting of the Baseball Writers' Association of America, held at the Commodore yesterday, the question of upholding the official score in the matter of the famous hit that put Ty Cobb in the .400 class, came up for action and considerable debate. The New York chapter presented a resolution recently adopted in which the president of the American League was severely scored for changing the official record.

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## Sarazen's Golf Exhibitions Are Popularizing the Sport

By Ray McCarthy

A Chicago paper engaging Gene Sarazen and Jack Hutchison to stop over on route to California and give a public exhibition found its plans upset by the Snowman. But the promoters fooled King Frost by promptly announcing the show would be moved indoors. Thus, on the night of December 26, in a Chicago armory, Sarazen and Hutchison will make their first public appearance as a team.

## The SPORTLIGHT of Grantland Rice

At the Gray Threshold

Let the poet sigh for sunlight that is passing,  
For the rose in windless garden evening low,  
For the bloom upon the heather that must wilt in zero weather  
When the legions of the lilies flee the snow.  
But give me back the echo of the north wind.  
Where the long, gray evenings gather from the hill  
And the window lights glow bravely shine across the snow,  
With the dusk song through the cedars, far and shrill.

Give me back the leafless branches and the shadows  
Where the sickly, yellow sunlight's passed away;  
Where the tempest fights its battles as the shaken window rattles  
And the ghostly world of darkness stands at bay.  
With the stinging, cutting blast forever sweeping  
Out the slanting aisles of magic rains or snows,  
Then to dream in snowbound den of a four-foot putt again,  
Of the summer and the sunlight and the rose.

Certain Rules

There was a time when we were sure the baseball fan could stumble over more queer situations and send in more strange queries about certain rules to cover certain episodes than any one else.

Revised for College Editions

Columbia, the gem of the ocean,  
Could not get her tackles in motion.

Coach Stagg at eve had known his fill  
When snively passed the ball at will.

Speaking of Upsets

Football has no upset even close to the case of the Yankees and the Red Sox in the American League race.

After G. Burgess

I've never picked an all-star team,  
I never hope to pick one;  
And yet some day I'd like to scheme  
And pick a team to lick one.

Overgolfed

"Dear Sir: It's simple enough to know why Hagen, Duncan, Mitchell and Barnes, among others, had their share of tournament trouble last summer. No man can play thirty-six holes of golf every day, traveling from spot to spot, and not fall the victim to staleness and to certain golfing faults that weariness brings on. For example, in place of starting the late campaign fresh, Barnes and Hutchison, American and British open champions, were worn down by April through a 10,000-mile tour that lasted over three months. Naturally their top game fell away later on."

The entry with the swelled dome is nearly always within two short strides of a sudden puncture.

## Tilden Confident After His Second Finger Operation

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.—William T. Tilden 24, national lawn tennis champion, suffered the loss of another inch from the middle finger of his right hand yesterday, according to a dispatch from The Associated Press to-day. The champion's finger has now been cut down almost to the second joint.

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## Yale Club Squash Tennis Team Retains Lead in Title Tourney

Defeats Princeton Club Players 6 Matches to 1 in Class A League; Harvard Triumphs Over Columbia Racquet Welders; Holds Tight to 2d Place

The Yale Club held its place at the top of the league by defeating the Princeton Club yesterday, in the Class A. team championship tournament of the Metropolitan Squash Tennis League. This match was played on the Yale courts, while on the Columbia Club courts the Harvard Club was vanquishing the Light Blue, both victorious teams winning by margins of six matches to one. Harvard maintained her hold on second place by winning yesterday, while Princeton and Columbia are tied for third place.

Howard R. Missett, the leading player for the Princeton club, had the satisfaction of forcing Thomas R. Coward, of Yale, the national champion, into a three-game match before admitting defeat, the match going to Coward by scores of 9-15, 15-9, 15-9. As has been the case in all his matches this season, Coward was slow in working up to his game, and before he could save himself Missett had taken the first game, with both men playing fast and clever squash.

Coward took the last two games, but only after a stubborn struggle against his opponent. The champion's tremendous speed of stroke gave him an advantage in the furiously played rallies, and both were adept at change of pace.

Some of the matches were extremely close. A. J. Cordier Jr., former champion, for instance, having his hands full in defeating J. Taylor, of Princeton, by a score of 15-9, 17-15, 15-12. In another match Otis L. Guernsey, once famous as a Yale football player, found the veteran John C. Neely a most worthy opponent, finally winning the match by a score of 15-15, 15-6, 17-14.

Frank S. Keeler, of Columbia, another veteran, was the only wearer of the Light Blue to win against Harvard, winning in straight games from R. G. Coburn, of Harvard, by a score of 15-8, 15-13. Anderson Dana, of Harvard, defeated J. M. Worcester, of Columbia, by a score of 15-12, 15-15, 15-12. In another match Otis L. Guernsey, once famous as a Yale football player, found the veteran John C. Neely a most worthy opponent, finally winning the match by a score of 15-15, 15-6, 17-14.

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Valor Medal Awarded Former Grid Captain

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The "fighting Irishman" who captained the University of Pittsburgh football team in 1909-10, and now is a lieutenant colonel in the Reserve Corps, was decorated to-day by Major General Charles M. Meade with the Congressional Medal of Honor for valor and fighting qualities displayed in France with the 28th Division.



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